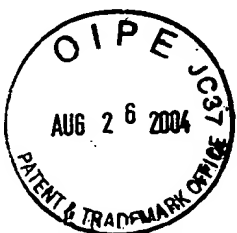


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number: 18617.0070
	In re Application of Robbert Van Renesse et al.	
	Application Number 09/687,439	Filed October 13, 2000
	For Method and System For Optimizing Layered Communication Protocols	
	Group Art Unit 2667	Examiner Prenell P. Jones
<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and appropriate non-small entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ 110</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$</p> </div> </div> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 55</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 08-2442. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). _____</p> <p><b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>_____ Date August 23, 2004</p> <p>_____ Telephone Number 716-848-1510</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>_____ Signature <i>R. Kent Roberts</i></p> <p>_____ Typed or printed name R. Kent Roberts, Reg. No. 40,786</p> </div> </div> <p>NOTE: Signature of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representatives are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Total of _____ forms are submitted.</p>		

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